

April 11, 2013

Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The MiLW Blog: Michigan Supreme Court 'on the road again'

"The Michigan Supreme Court is hitting the road next week, taking oral arguments to the Midland Center for the Arts on April 17.... The case being argued is People v. Chandra Valencia Smith-Anthony. The issue in the case is whether the defendant's actions amounted to 'larceny from the person' under MCL 750.357."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Law Day comes early to Midland: Michigan Supreme Court to visit April 17

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: Panel makes case to suspend Wayne County judge at Supreme Court hearing

"The Michigan Supreme Court heard arguments Thursday in a Judicial Tenure Commission complaint against a Wayne County Circuit judge accused of lying under oath and signing her divorce lawyer's name to legal documents without permission. The commission has recommended that Judge Deborah Ross Adams be suspended without pay for 180 days."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Associated Press: Judge's suspension on Mich. Supreme Court docket

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit and WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit.

ABA Journal: Judge accused of signing her own lawyer's name on divorce filing fights suspension recommendation

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Macomb County molestation case argued in front of Supreme Court

"Prosecuting and defense attorneys argued Wednesday whether a young girl was 'unavailable' or 'incompetent' to testify at a Macomb County molestation trial, in front of state Supreme Court justices."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune and the Oakland Press.

Also see:

Ethics charges against Wayne County judge to be heard by Michigan Supreme Court in oral arguments this week

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: Brother of state GOP leader protected in loan dispute

"A new law prevents a bank from trying to collect more than \$2 million from a developer who is the brother of the chairman of the Michigan Republican Party, a state appeals court said in a decision released Wednesday."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Legal Newsline: Mich. appeals court rejects bank's challenge to state's new mortgage loan act

[Full story](#)

Midland Daily News: GOP chairman's brother wins key court ruling

[Full story](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Court frees GOP leader's brother of bad TC debt

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Court rules against school board member in EM suit (third article)

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled against Robert Davis in a lawsuit that sought the ouster of the former emergency manager for Highland Park Schools. Davis, a member of the school board, sued last year after Gov. Rick Snyder named Jack Martin to head the district."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Judge cracks down as AG seeks to delay lawsuit over right-to-work

"Judge William Collette is putting the gavel down on the attorney general's office when it comes to cases it has before his court.... [Assistant Attorney General Michelle Brya] asked Collette today to stay the case until that appeal is resolved in the Michigan Court of Appeals."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Lansing State Journal: Judge cracks down as AG seeks to delay lawsuit over right-to-work

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Judge in emergency manager lawsuits 'fed up' with both sides

"[Circuit Judge William Collette] said Wednesday that he is 'fed up' with a series of lawsuits aimed at the state's emergency manager law and blasted attorneys for both sides.... The judge dismissed one of two [Robert] Davis lawsuits aimed at the emergency manager law."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The MiLW Blog: Ingham County judge 'fed up' with lawyers' handling of cases

[Full story](#)

Advance Newspapers: Ottawa County court establishes new 'business court' to handle complex business cases

"The Michigan Supreme Court has appointed Ottawa County's 20th Circuit Court Judge Jon Van Allsburg to the newly created Business Court for a six-year term. The Business Court is a specialized docket of the Circuit Court. It was created by the legislature in 2012 to promote timely, effective, and predictable resolution of complex business cases."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Ingham County Legal News: "Business Court" judges announced; Hon. Joyce Draganchuk Ingham County Business Court Judge

[Full story](#)

Jackson County Legal News: Judge Richard LaFlamme one of 18 judges named to new 'business court'

[Full story](#)

Washtenaw County Legal News: Judge Archie Brown named to new business court

[Full story](#)

"Business Court" judge assignments announced by Michigan Supreme Court

[Press release](#)

Argus-Press/Owosso: Lawyer sentenced on weapons charges, admits to helping bury body

"Former Owosso attorney Michael Hoy Tuesday, during his sentencing hearing on gun charges, admitted to a federal judge he assisted in disposing of the body of Katie Cook, who was killed in 2005 in Genesee County."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Associated Press: Man admits helping friend bury woman's body

[Full story](#)

Flint Journal: Owosso lawyer tells judge he helped bury woman in Mt. Morris Township homicide

[Full story](#)

The Daily Tribune: Towar: Students demonstrate oratorical skills

"Living up to their motto, 'Friend of Youth,' the Royal Oak Optimist Club gave nine girls and six boys from area schools the opportunity to participate in their annual oratorical contest.... The girls presented their essays on this year's topic, 'Why My Voice is Important,' to judges Royal Oak Mayor Jim Ellison, 44th District Court Judge Terry Brennan and Optimist Club president Jay Dunstan. The boys' presentations were judged by 44th District Court Judge Derek Meinecke, and Royal Oak City Commissioners Pat Capello and Peggy Goodwin."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Child Welfare Appellate Clinic to open in fall

"... Officials in Wayne County, where the majority of Michigan's parental rights terminations take place, received the prospect of working with Michigan Law students warmly. The Michigan Court of Appeals and the Michigan Court Administrator's Office also were supportive of the idea."

[Full story](#)

Ingham County Legal News: National Center for DWI Courts recognizes April as National Alcohol Awareness month

"... DWI Courts have emerged as a critical solution to hardcore drunk driving due to their success at reducing recidivism and saving valuable criminal justice resources.... A similar study in Michigan found that DWI Courts had better outcomes in nearly all comparisons with traditional sentencing."

[Full story](#)

Ingham County Legal News: WMU, Cooley consider joining to leverage their strengths

"Building on more than a decade of cooperation that has led to a number of joint degree programs and shared facility initiatives in Grand Rapids and Lansing, Western Michigan University and the Thomas M. Cooley Law School are discussing the possibility of a stronger alliance that would create a formal affiliation between Cooley, a private law school, and WMU."

[Full story](#)

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Photo gallery: Court to School at Jackson Community College (eight photos)

"Photos from Court to School in the Baughman Theatre at Jackson Community College's Potter Center on Thursday morning, April 11, 2013. Jackson County District Judge Joseph Filip held his court on the stage of the theatre for students to observe."

[Full story](#)

Jackson County Legal News: Mediator training offered

"Southeastern Dispute Resolution Service (SDRS) is looking for volunteer mediators to join the team in Jackson, Lenawee, Hillsdale, and Monroe Counties."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Woman's Macomb County home invasion conviction, sentence upheld

"The state Court of Appeals upheld the conviction and nine-year sentence of a 53-year-old woman for breaking into the Roseville home of her ex-boyfriend and stealing several items. Denise Ann Revers will continue serving the nine-to-20-year term following her January 2012 jury conviction of first-degree home invasion that occurred in February 2010."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune.

The Macomb Daily: Drunken drivers have alternative sentencing

"Anyone facing a drunken driving case in Roseville or Fraser may want consider the 39th District Court Sobriety Court — not to get out of the ticket, but to help themselves realize the importance of driving sober.... [Raymond] Kaner, 34, said he owes a debt of gratitude to 39th District Judges Marco Santia, Joseph Boedeker and Chief Judge Catherine B. Steenland and Probation Officer John Rocco. He said it was through their efforts to keep the program going that gave him a fresh look on life."

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Tell us something different: High court mulls revamp of rehearing, reconsideration rules

"A proposed amendment of MCR 7.313 would tighten up the standard the Michigan Supreme Court uses to determine whether to grant motions for rehearing or reconsideration of a case."

[Full story](#)

The Morning Sun: Supreme Court rules in favor of Gratiot Drain Commissioner

"After more than two years in a legal battle, the Michigan Supreme Court has ruled in favor of Gratiot County Drain Commissioner concerning Drain 181. Elba Township had filed suit in Circuit Court to stop the \$1.4 million project. Judge Randy Tahvonen ruled in favor of the drain commissioner."

[Full story](#)

Saginaw News: Wikipedia research by Saginaw County juror not enough to overturn woman's larceny conviction

"A juror's Wikipedia research on reasonable doubt and the subsequent reading of it to an entire jury does not warrant a reversal of a Taymouth Township woman's larceny conviction, the Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled."

[Full story](#)

Saginaw News: Judge: In-trial shackles justified for convicted murderer nicknamed after 1920s mobster

"A judge has ruled that it was appropriate for him to make a convicted murderer nicknamed after a 1920s-era mobster wear shackles during a 2010 trial. Nearly a month after he heard testimony from 13 jurors from Charles H. Arthur's trial, Saginaw County Circuit Judge Robert L. Kaczmarek on Tuesday, April 9, ruled that the shackles he forced the imprisoned Arthur to wear were justified."

[Full story](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Schwander sentence vacated

"A convicted killer will have his prison sentence vacated and will be resentenced by another judge, according to an order by the Michigan Court of Appeals. A Grand Traverse County jury in 2011 convicted Robert Jensen Schwander, 19, of second-degree murder for slaying Carly Lewis, then 16, in a hut on Beitner Street in Traverse city that year."

[Full story](#)